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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

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The communication filed on September 10, 2001 is not deemed to be fully responsive to the Office Action dated June 5, 2001 because this communication fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.143.

37 CFR § 1.143 states:

"If the applicant disagrees with the requirement for restriction, he may request reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the requirement, giving the reasons therefor (see § 1.111.) In requesting reconsideration the applicant must indicate a provisional election of one invention for prosecution, which invention shall be the one elected in the event the requirement becomes final. The requirement for restriction will be reconsidered on such a request. If the requirement is repeated and made final, the examiner will at the same time act on the claims to the invention elected."

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The Office Action dated June 5, 2001 contains a restriction requirement, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372, between the apparatus of Group I (claims 6 and 7), and the process of Group II (claims 8-11). In that Office Action Applicant was required, under 37 CFR § 1.499, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Applicant's communication filed September 10, 2001 contains a statement that "applicant elects to continue prosecution with claims 6-11 which are directed to species (I), which is directed to a vertical column with a vertical partition which divides the column into two vertical compartments." This statement, however, is not deemed to be a proper election under 37 CFR § 1.499, because apparatus claims 6 and 7 have been identified in a separate group (i.e. Group I) from process claims 8-11 (Group II). Accordingly, the communication filed September 10, 2001 fails to "indicate a provisional election of one invention for prosecution", as required by 37 CFR § 1.143, and is therefore not fully responsive to the previous Office action.

Since the communication filed September 10, 2001 appears to be *bona fide*, Applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** or **THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or

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correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to I. Cintins whose telephone number is (703) 308-3840. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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